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Title: Need to construct a Railway Over Bridge at Anaimedu in Salem city, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me an opportunity to raise an important public issue. I would like to bring, through you, to the attention of hon. Railway Minister that in Tamil Nadu, Salem city is the busiest one in all aspects. Within the city, Railway line crosses the roads at a few places. Particularly the railway line, crossing at the point of Anaimedu, poses greater difficulty to vehicular traffic at the either side of the road. This point is an important traffic junction connecting many offices, schools, hospitals, banks and commercial establishments. More particularly, this road leads to National Highway 68.

Due to the frequent movement of trains, the railway gates are closed causing traffic jam and putting vehicular movement to great difficulty. So the public are not able to reach their work spots in time. Much hardship and inconvenience is experienced by vehicle users. There is a long-felt need for the construction of Railway over-bridge at this point.

Many representations have been received urging me to take up the matter with the Railway Ministry. Definitely a railway bridge will ease the traffic congestion and enable free movement of traffic.

I request the hon. Minister to kindly arrange for the construction of Railway over-bridge at Anaimedu in Salem town. The State Government may also be approached for their financial contribution as per the norms and the Ministry may also provide sufficient funds for the task.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu does not evince any interest in this matter. Therefore, I would request the hon. Railway Minister to initiate suitable and immediate action in this regard.